

3 titled: "An ordinance authorizing Iowa Falls Electric Company,
 4 its successors or assigns, within the town of Wellsburg, Iowa, to
 5 construct, reconstruct, maintain and operate a power plant or plants
 6 for the generation of electricity, system for the transmission, dis-
 7 tribution and use of electricity and to furnish electric energy for all
 8 purposes, and to carry on a general electric light and power busi-
 9 ness, and contracting with Iowa Falls Electric Company for the
 10 furnishing of electric energy to the town for public purposes," be
 11 and the same is hereby declared legal and valid, the same as if all
 12 provisions of law relating to the granting of said franchise had in
 13 all respects been strictly complied with: provided, that this act shall
 14 not affect pending litigation.

1 SEC. 2. **Publication clause.** This act, being deemed of imme-
 2 diate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its
 3 publication in the Cedar Rapids Republican, and the Cedar Rapids
 4 Tribune, newspapers published at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said publi-
 5 cation to be without expense to the state of Iowa.

Approved April 12, A. D. 1917.

I hereby certify that the Cedar Rapids Tribune declined to publish House File 293 of the Acts of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, and that thereupon, by virtue of Section 36 of the Supplement to the Code, 1913, I designated the Des Moines News, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, as a newspaper in which said act should be published. I further certify that said act, known as House File 293 of the Acts of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, was published in the Cedar Rapids Republican May 1, 1917, and in the Des Moines News April 30, 1917.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 229.

SCHOOLHOUSES AND GROUNDS.

H. F. 167.

AN ACT relating to the powers of directors of school corporations to authorize certain uses of schoolhouses and grounds and providing the terms and conditions thereof and disposition of revenue therefrom.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. **Uses for other than school purposes.** The board of
 2 directors of any school corporation may authorize the use of any school-
 3 house and its grounds within such corporation and not within the lim-
 4 its of a city or town for the purpose of meetings of granges, lodges,
 5 agricultural societies and similar rural secret orders and societies, and
 6 for election purposes; such use to be for such compensation and upon
 7 such terms and conditions as may be fixed by said board for the
 8 proper protection of the schoolhouse and the property belonging there-
 9 in, including that of pupils. Any compensation for such use shall be
 10 paid into the contingent fund and be expended in the upkeep and re-
 11 pair of such school property, and in purchasing supplies therefor.
 12 Provided, however, that if at any time the voters of such corporation

13 at any annual meeting forbid such use of any such schoolhouse or
 14 grounds, the board shall not thereafter permit such use until the said
 15 action of such voters shall have been rescinded by the voters at an an-
 16 nual meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

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CHAPTER 230.

FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETENTION OF REAL PROPERTY.

H. F. 134.

AN ACT to repeal section four thousand two hundred eleven (4211), section four thousand two hundred twelve (4212), section four thousand two hundred fourteen (4214), section four thousand two hundred sixteen (4216), of the code, and to enact substitutes in lieu thereof, relating to actions for the forcible entry and detention of real property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. **Jurisdiction—transfer.** That section four thousand
 2 two hundred eleven (4211) of the code, be and the same is hereby re-
 3 pealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

4 The district, municipal and superior courts within the county, and
 5 justices of the peace within the township where the subject matter
 6 of the action is situated, shall have concurrent jurisdiction of actions
 7 for the forcible entry or detention of real property, and the court first
 8 acquiring jurisdiction of an action therefor shall retain the same until
 9 judgment, unless it is transferred as hereinafter provided. By agree-
 10 ment of the parties, it may be transferred from a justice's court to a
 11 municipal, superior or the district court, or from a superior or a muni-
 12 cipal to the district court, and all such actions in which judgment is
 13 rendered in a justice's court may be appealed to the district or superior
 14 court, as provided by law.

1 SEC. 2. **Petition—venue.** That section four thousand two hun-
 2 dred twelve (4212), of the code, be and the same is hereby repealed
 3 and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

4 The action must be by petition, which must be sworn to, and when
 5 brought before a justice of the peace, and there is none present or
 6 qualified to act in the township where the subject thereof is situated,
 7 it may be brought in any adjoining township in the county. In any
 8 such action a change of place of trial may be had as in other cases.
 9 When brought in municipal court or before a justice of the peace the
 10 petition must be on file at the time the defendant is required to appear
 11 by the notice.

1 SEC. 3. **Time for appearance.** That section four thousand two
 2 hundred fourteen (4214), of the code, be and the same is hereby re-
 3 pealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

4 The time for appearance and pleading if in justice's court or muni-
 5 cipal court, must be not less than two or more than six days from the